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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Staffing Pattern Increase, Office of Logistics,  
Planning Staff

1. In a memorandum dated 23 April 1954, regarding implementation of NSC 5412, the DCI placed the broad responsibility for logistics planning upon the DD/A and other support agencies. Since that time, however, little effective logistics planning has been done. TS 93979

2. In his memorandum of 2 June 1955 to the Deputy Directors on the "Wartime Mission of CIA," the DCI stated: DDS 55-861

"...Plans of the Central Intelligence Agency must be in conformity with those of the military... It is imperative that this Agency continually exert sufficient effort to prepare for the accomplishment of its wartime mission. Addressees are hereby directed to take the action necessary to enable this Agency to be prepared to assume its wartime role as well as to carry on its responsibilities during cold war. The Deputy Directors will report... on a semi-annual basis, action taken and progress made including any funds and personnel in excess of current ceilings that may be required toward the accomplishment of any portion of this mission."

This top echelon mandate places a high priority on logistics planning.

3. The DD/S in his report to the Director on 12 July 1955 stated:

"... Our major effort during the next six months will be... To designate within each support component specific individuals who will be responsible for war planning; to train and indoctrinate these persons in the principles and status of CIA war planning; and in particular, to mold this group with the War Plans Division, DD/P so that they are better able to make an effective contribution to CIA's overseas war planning and assist in the development of war preparation actions for inclusion in operational programs of the DD/P and the DD/S."

4. All of these quotations point out the extreme importance of logistics planning for the Agency. Serious deficiencies will occur in attempting to cover such a broad scope of planning under the personnel ceiling presently imposed upon this Office. We urgently need

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additional qualified logistics planning officers to meet this workload, and suggest that if the request for five (5) senior planners cannot be immediately filled from the civilian authorization, five (5) military slots in the grade of Lt. Colonel or higher be made available as an interim measure so that recruiting action can be initiated without delay.



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